

LA JOYA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Evangelina Garza Elementary School

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT CAMPUS POLICY

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Mission

Evangelina Garza Elementary School is committed to developing, maintaining and nurturing strong relationships with parents through mutual respect, trust and accountability. We recognize that parents and the community are the driving force behind every student and their active involvement in our school is critical for the academic success of our student. Therefore, we commit ourselves to increase parental involvement and awareness in our school and our community to help parents become partners in education.

Statement of Purpose

In accordance with Title I, Part A, Section 1118 guidelines and the La Joya Independent School District's Parental Involvement Policy, Evangelina Garza Elementary School has developed a written parental involvement policy in collaboration with and agreed upon by parents of participating children. The policy will be distributed to parents annually at the beginning of each school year in a format and, to the extent possible, in a language that parents can understand. This policy will be revised on an annual basis with the support and participation from parents in order to continue to meet the needs of every parent, student and teacher served by our school under Title I.

Evangelina Garza Elementary School agrees to implement the following requirements as set out in subsections (c) through (f) of Section 1118, relating to a school's parental involvement policy:

I. Policy Involvement

In accordance with subsection (c) of Section 1118, Evangelina Garza Elementary School will invite parents to ongoing meetings throughout the year, where parents will be informed of the school's participation in the Title I, Part A programs, their requirements, and the parents' right to be involved. The school will also host regular meetings throughout the school year at flexible times, in the morning and in the evening, to ensure parent participation.

The school will provide parents with information at parent meetings or sent home with students in a tangible form and in a language parents can understand, on the following topics:

1. Description and explanation of the school's curriculum
2. Forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress
3. Proficiency levels students are expected to meet

Parents will be afforded the opportunity to voice their opinions, offer suggestions and to participate in the decision-making process as it relates to their child's education.

II. Shared Responsibilities for High Student Academic Achievement

As set out in subsection (d), Evangelina Garza Elementary School has developed a Parent-Teacher-Student compact outlining the responsibilities of each member in the District's goal for student academic achievement. The compact consists of valuable information obtained from members of the school's Parent Advisory Committee (PAC), teachers and students. In compliance with subsection (d), the compact will be distributed annually to parents at the beginning of each school year and will be made available to parents upon request throughout the school year. The compact will be provided to parents in a language that all parents can understand to ensure that all parents have a thorough understanding of its contents. The Parent-Teacher-Student compact will be reviewed annually with parents, teachers and students and may be revised as deemed necessary.

III. Building Capacity for Involvement

In accordance with subsection (e), Evangelina Garza Elementary School will undertake the following tasks to ensure the active involvement of parents in their child's education:

1. Assist parents in understanding the State's academic content standards, student academic achievement standards and academic success by explaining to parents what the TEKS are and their relationship with the TAKS tests.
2. Make available to parents computer trainings so they may access the school's website to contact teachers via e-mail, access the District's and/or school's calendars, download TEA information, print STAAR sample tests and guidelines, and access an unlimited number of resources on education, health and family issues.

3. Offer parent trainings and/or workshops at varying times during the day and in a language parents can understand utilizing District approved curriculums. The objective of these trainings and/or workshops will be to provide parenting strategies parents may utilize at home to help foster their child's education.

- NCLB Act of 2001
- Title 1 programs and Budget Information
- District/Campus Parental Involvement Policy
- Explanation of Documents (School Report Card/Campus Improvement Plan)
- Special Programs (Special Education, ESL, Migrant Services, Communities in Schools, RTI (Response to Intervention Services), OLWEUS Bullying Prevention Program, etc.)
- Senate Bill 1
- Offering Parents the opportunity to serve on Policy Advisory Committees (District Advisory Committee/Parent Advisory Committee/Site Based Decision Making Committee/LPAC Committee/School Health Advisory Committee/Superintendent's Parent Round Table, etc.)
- Explanation of Student Code of Conduct
- Information on Compulsory Attendance Law/Truancy Procedures
- College Counseling/Advising/EXPLORE Testing Meetings
- Meet the Teacher Night/Open House/Curriculum Night (Make & Take) and/or Cultural Events
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Instructional Resources
- Practical Parenting Education
- SBDM Policy and Procedures
- PAC Meetings with the Principal
- Community (Colonia) Meetings
- Self Efficiency Classes
- Volunteer Opportunities (Upon completion of a Volunteer Application)
- Volunteer Training/Volunteer Appreciation meetings/awards
- English Classes
- Computer Classes
- Recognition and motivational events for parents
- Opportunities for Parents to attend District and local conferences
- Dropout Prevention
- Health services
- Parent Support Group
- Parent Surveys

4. Parents will be provided with tangible material, in a format and language they can understand, that they may share with their families at home.
5. Trainings will be offered to school personnel at the beginning of each semester including, but not limited to teachers, administrators, instructional assistants, and office personnel on how they can build strong relationships with parents, how to effectively communicate with parents, and the value of having parents involved in schools.
6. Collaborate with other organizations, to the extent feasible and applicable, that incorporate parental involvement programs or components as part of their daily activities.
 - Expanded Nutrition Program through Texas A&M
 - Hidalgo County Sheriff's Department
 - Mujeres Unidas/Women Together
7. Parents will be provided with proper notices regarding Parental Involvement activities, events, meetings, presentations, programs, trainings, and workshops. These notices will be provided to parents in a timely manner and in a format and language that they can understand. Evangelina Garza Elementary School will utilize the following methods to keep parents informed:
 - District's television Channel 17
 - Personal Telephone contact
 - Flyers, brochures, pamphlets
 - Home visits
 - Calendars provided in parent meetings and/or posted via the campus web page
 - District Parent Newsletter
 - District Radio Station
8. Promote parent support by providing activities and/or events as requested by parents and ensuring response to these requests in a timely manner.

IV. Accessibility

Evangelina Garza Elementary School will provide opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children, and provide information and school reports in a format and language such parents understand.

V. Adoption of Policy

This policy has been adopted by Evangelina Garza Elementary School on this 20th day of August, 2018, in accordance with Title I, Part A, Section 1118 guidelines and the La Joya Independent School District's Parental Involvement Policy.

For more information on the Parental Involvement Program or for Volunteering opportunities, contact:

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